



**West Hartford to commemorate Juneteenth,
Friday, June 19, 8:30 AM**

WHEN: Friday, June 19, 8:30 AM

WHERE: Goodman Green, West Hartford Center.

WHO: Speakers include:

- Mayor Shari Cantor
- Town Councilor Carol Blanks
- Vice Chair of the Board of Education, Lorna Thomas-Farquharson
- State Representative Tammy Exum
- Director of Diversity Advancement of West Hartford Public Schools, Roszena Haskins
- Earl Exum, president of West Hartford African American Social & Cultural Organization (WHAASCO)
- Eshe Griffith, Conard High School senior
- Adrienne Billings-Smith, Concerned Parents of Color of West Hartford (CPCWH)

DETAILS:

On Friday, June 19th at 8:30 AM, the Town of West Hartford will recognize and celebrate Juneteenth on the Goodman Green in West Hartford Center.

Speakers will include Mayor Shari Cantor as well as Town Councilor Carol Blanks, State Rep. Tammy Exum, Lorna Thomas-Farquharson, Roszena Haskins, Adrienne Billings-Smith of CPCWH, Earl Exum of WHAASCO, and Eshe Griffith of Conard High School.

Juneteenth often referred to as “America’s second Independence Day” commemorates June 1865 when the last enslaved people in Galveston, TX were informed of their emancipation. The holiday was first celebrated in Texas, where on that date in 1865, in the aftermath of the Civil War, enslaved people were declared free under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation.

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